

The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership mission is to support neighborhoods in organizing to protect and maintain neighborhood quality of life. It is the Partnership's belief that organized neighborhoods are better equipped to tackle problems that periodically emerge. Organized neighborhoods are proactive in addressing crime, disaster preparedness, information sharing, beautification and helping each other. There is power in numbers! Organized neighborhoods create a unified voice at City Hall, which can accomplish more than individuals working alone. Organized neighborhoods are fun and improve quality of life for all!

## Monday, March 5, 2012 Mayor's Ceremonial Room, 6:30 p.m.

City Hall, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Linda Baker, Etta Brown, Paul Chavez, Gary Coffer, Susie Doss, Peter Emelue, Jackie Fielder, Cecile Johnson, Ed Jones, Gurumantra Khalsa, Jeff Kraus, Mickey Lawler, Damien O'Farrell, Justin Scott-Coe, Erin Snyder, Larry Utesch, Samantha Wilson, and Paul Davis

Members Absent: Scott Andrews, Christopher Paz, and Jeff Wright

- 1) Call to Order/Introductions at 6:32 pm
- 2) Approval of Minutes, February 6, 2012 Approved with corrections (Snyder/Lawler/Carried)
- 3) Mayor's Office/Council Members' Update

Mayor's Office – Brenda Flowers:

- Gave update of last Mayor's Night Out meeting at Canyon Crest Neighborhood. Announced last Mayor's Night Out would be May 9, 2012 in La Sierra. Thanked everyone for coming and supporting the Mayor
- Announced Walk with the Mayor scheduled March 24, 2012
- Mentioned Kaiser would like to come talk to the RNP Board regarding the Kaiser Eastside Grant. The Grant would spend \$1 million dollars within three years for health changes.

Councilman Andy Melendrez:

- Lincoln Park Neighborhood Group Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday; donations would be welcomed.
- Sycamore Canyon Group will be holding an Art in the Park Event. Date will be determined at a later date.
- Eastside Neighborhood Forum is held the first Thursday of the month. The topic for the March meeting was the recent shooting of a 14 year old boy in the Eastside Neighborhood.

## Councilman Paul Davis:

- Showed rendition of the shade area for the Casa Blanca Library
- Announced that "redistricting" was occurring, but that it would take time to make a final decision. Also mentioned the RNP Board should be involved.
- **4) Neighborhood Watch Report –** PSR Nancy Castillo could not attend meeting, but sent flyer with information about the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Conference at the Janet Goeske Center scheduled March 28.
- 5) Concerns from Visiting Neighborhoods None
- 6) Presentation Volunteer Tax Break Information

Board member Susie Doss gave a presentation on the new rules and regulations that affects volunteers. Volunteers will be required to provide documentation on all of their volunteering activities.

7) Presentation – Riverside Water Supply Plan

Riverside Public Utilities Manager, Dave Wright gave presentation regarding the approved plan for Riverside.

- 8) Committee Reports Each committee provided an update to the board
- 9) Housing & Neighborhoods Staff Report No report. Bruni Mercado passed out new RNP brochure for changes and/or corrections.
- 10) Neighborhood Group Announcements Received and filed
- 11) Future Agenda Items: Kaiser Eastside Grant Presentation
- 12) Adjournment 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 2nd, 2012 - Mayor's Ceremonial Room